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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a CONTINUATION-IN-PART of co-pending application serial number 09/926,684 filed on March 4, 2002 of **Gregory James ROGER** for **ACETABULAR COMPONENT OF TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT ASSEMBLY** and which is hereby incorporated by reference. The application comprises a  $\underline{26}$ -page specification, including  $\underline{31}$  claims (3 independent) and Abstract, and  $\underline{5}$  sheets of drawings.

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